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County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health Held the 2011 Pandemic Influenza Summit III

San Bernardino – A two-day Pandemic Influenza Summit was held on July 11th and 12th, 2011, to increase pandemic influenza planning preparedness and response capacity of public and private entities throughout the County. The Summit was hosted at the Diocese of San Bernardino - Pastoral Center by the Department of Public Health, Preparedness and Response Program.

“The need to move forward on planning and building partnerships to respond to a public health emergency is imperative,” said Maxwell Ohikhuare M.D., Public Health Officer. He added that “the Department is committed to making sure our County is ready to provide mass vaccinations, and has the necessary resources to treat large numbers of people who require medical treatment.”

The 2011 Pandemic Influenza Summit focused on lessons learned during the H1N1 response and increasing response capabilities through enhancing and exercising its plans. Day one of the Summit focused on healthcare surge capacity planning and the need for establishing alternate care sites. On day two the Summit highlighted planning for Points of Dispensing sites (POD) and showcased a mobile POD trailer through an interactive operational presentation.

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